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**BODY SAFE/SPORTS WALLET**

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## **BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

### **5      Field of the Invention:**

The present invention relates to a wallet. More particularly, the present invention relates to a wallet that has hook material affixed to an outer surface thereof preventing slippage or removal thereof during a user's activities.

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## **Description of the Prior Art:**

Numerous innovations for a sports wallet have been provided in the prior art that are described as follows. Even though these innovations may be suitable for the specific individual purposes to which they address, they differ from the present invention as hereinafter contrasted.

In U.S. Patent, 4,705,086, invented by, O'Neill, titled, Wallet for joggers, a wallet particularly suited to the needs of persons while jogging or participating in other active sports, includes a flexible back panel which is foldable between open and closed positions about a folding axis. A first flexible pocket panel is secured to the back panel on an inside surface portion on one side of the folding axis of the back panel. A second flexible pocket panel is secured to the back panel on an inside surface portion which is on the opposite side of the folding axis of the back panel. Both the first and second pocket panels have unsecured edges extending near the folding axis so as to define first and second pockets, respectively. A hook member projects out of the back panel and extends over an outside portion of the back panel to engage the waistband of the wearer. Accordingly, the wallet can be

worn comfortably and its contents will not be lost.

In U.S. Patent, 6,318,613, invented by, Underhill, titled, Carrying pouch attachable to garments, a pouch attachable to a garment to store objects of credit  
5 card length and width has a container with front and back walls fixed to each other along bottom and opposite side edges to define a compartment sized to receive and hold, in a substantially immobile condition, several of the objects when they are stacked face-to-face and inserted through an open top edge of the container. Mating pieces of hook-and-loop material seal the open top edge to  
10 secure the objects in the container. A strap fixed at one of its ends to a back face of the container back wall proximate one of its edges extends across the container back face to its free end at a point proximate another of its edges. A segment of hook-and loop material is fixed along its entire length to the entire length of the front face of the strap. A mating segment of hook-and-loop material is fixed along  
15 its entire length to the back face of the container back wall between the fixed end of the strap and the point at the free end of the strap. When the segments of hook-and-loop material are mated with a segment of the garment disposed between a portion of their lengths, the container is immobilized in relation to the

garment The container side edges are preferably arcuate so as to approximately conform to cleavage between a woman's breasts and further immobilize the pouch when it is used between the cups of a woman's bra.

5           In U.S. Patent, 4,937,920, invented by, Tsai, titled, Attachment device, a folding plate member has at least one folding line therein which divides the plate member into at least two portions, the portions lying over one another when the plate member is folded. Releasable hook-and-loop fastening members, known by the commercial name "Velcro", are provided on the divided portions to adhere the portions face-to-face. Two belt members each has a first end placed between the divided portions and a second free end opposite to the first end. The first ends of the belts are provided with hook-and-loop fastening members to engage with the hook-and-loop fastening members of the folding plate member. A second fastener is connected to the end of each belt member for the purpose of connecting the belt member to an implement.

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          In U.S. Patent, 4,811,768, invented by, Williams, titled, Underarm security pouch for carrying cash receipts container, a security pouch of a size adapted to

hold a cash receipts container in a vertical position and adapted to be worn by an individual suspended from the shoulder and adjacent the side of the individual's chest and under the individual's arm, including, an opening provided with a closure that is operable by one hand.

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In U.S. Patent, D454,684, invented by, Read, titled, Wallet for securing onto one's body, an ornamental design for a wallet .

10 The above patented inventions differ from the present invention because they fail to describe or claim at least one combination of the following features depicted in the present invention: first inner side, first outer side, second inner side, second outer side, third inner side, third outer side, pocket, hook, slot, and window.

15 Numerous innovations for a body safe/sports wallet have been provided in the prior art that are adapted to be used. Even though these innovations may be suitable for the specific individual purposes to which they address, they would not be suitable for the purposes of the present invention as heretofore described.

## **SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

5       The present invention relates to a body safe sports wallet. More particularly,  
the present invention relates to a wallet that has hook material affixed to an outer  
surface thereof preventing slippage or removal thereof during a user's activities.

10       The types of problems encountered in the prior art are wallets easily lost or  
stolen during sports activities such as running, or everywhere by crime.

15       In the prior art, unsuccessful attempts to solve this problem were attempted  
namely: adding straps, clips and/or other attachment means to a wallet. However,  
the problem was solved by the present invention because it is simple, inexpensive  
and works well.

      Innovations within the prior art are rapidly being exploited for both sporting  
goods and theft control.

The present invention went contrary to the teaching of the art which describes and claims wallets with various attachment means.

5 The present invention solved a long felt need for a simple and inexpensive device to attach to a wallet that prevents it from slipping or falling out of a pocket during sports activities or by theft.

Accordingly, it is an object of the present invention to provide a first sports and anti-theft wallet having a first inner side first outer side, second inner side, second outer side, third inner side, third outer side, pocket and hook.

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More particularly, it is an object of the present invention to provide the first sports wallet having optional slot(s) and/or window(s) and also offer theft prevention as a body safe.

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In keeping with these objects, and with others which will become apparent hereinafter, one feature of the present invention resides, briefly stated, in a second sports wallet having a first inner side first outer side, second inner side, second outer side, pocket and hook.



When the second body safe/sports wallet is designed in accordance with the present invention, it has optional slot(s) and/or window(s).

5 The novel features which are considered characteristic for the invention are set forth in the appended claims. The invention itself, however, both as to its construction and its method of operation, together with additional objects and advantages thereof, will be best understood from the following description of the specific embodiments when read and understood in connection with the accompanying drawings.

## **LIST OF REFERENCE NUMERALS UTILIZED IN THE DRAWINGS**

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100 - first body safe/sports wallet (100)

200 - second body safe/sports wallet (200)

12AA - first inner side (12AA)

12AB - first outer side (12AB)

10 12BA - second inner side (12BA)

12BB - second outer side (12BB)

12CA - third inner side (12CA)

12CB - third outer side (12CB)

12D - pocket (12D)

15 14 - hook (14)

16 - slot (16)

18 - window (18)

## BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

5      **FIGURE 1**      is a front view of a first body safe/sports wallet (100).

**FIGURE 2**      is a rear view of a first body safe/sports wallet (100).

**FIGURE 3**      is a front view of a folded first body safe/sports wallet (100).

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**FIGURE 4**      is a top view of a folded first body safe/sports wallet (100).

**FIGURE 5**      is a front view of a second body safe/sports wallet (200).

15      **FIGURE 6**      is a rear view of a second body safe/sports wallet (200).

**FIGURE 7**      is a top view of a folded second body safe/sports wallet (200).

## DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

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which are a front, rear, folded front and folded top views of a first body  
safe/sports wallet (100), respectively. The first body safe/sports wallet (100)  
comprises a first inner side (12AA) connected along a right edge to a left edge of  
a second inner side (12BA) connected along a right edge to a left edge of a third  
10 inner side (12CA). At least one of the inner sides (12AA, 12BA, 12CA) may  
optionally comprise at least one slot (16) functioning to hold a card (i.e. credit  
card) therein). At least one of the inner sides (12AA, 12BA, 12CA) may  
optionally comprise at least one window (18) functioning to hold and display a  
driver's license therein. The first inner side (12AA), second inner side (12BA),  
15 and third inner side (12CA) are preferably manufactured from a single piece of  
material.

The first body safe/sports wallet (100) further comprises a first outer side (12AB) connected along a left edge to a right edge of a second outer side (12BB) connected along a left edge to a right edge of a third outer side (12CB). The first inner side (12AA) is further connected along left and bottom edges to right and bottom edges of the first outer side (12AB) forming a pocket (12D) therebetween. The second inner side (12BA) is further connected along a bottom edge to a bottom edge of the second outer side (12BB) forming a pocket (12D) therebetween. The third inner side (12CA) is further connected along right and bottom edges to left and bottom edges of the third outer side (12CB) forming a pocket (12D) therebetween. The first outer side (12AB), second outer side (12BB), and third outer side (12CB) are preferably manufactured from a single piece of material. The inner sides (12AA, 12BA, 12CA) and the outer sides (12AB, 12BB, 12CB) are preferably manufactured from a pliable material. The pliable material is selected from a group consisting of leather, leather composite, rubber, rubber composite, metal composite, fabric, plastic, and plastic composite.

The first body safe/sports wallet (100) further comprises hook (14) securely affixed to an outer surface of the second outer side (12BB). Hook (14) is a fabric material with a plurality of small “hooks” that can attach and hold itself to fabric similar to Velcro (TM). When a user wears the first sports wallet (100), he/she places it inside a garment or pocket with the hook (14) side facing the fabric material to attach thereto, thus, preventing slippage or the first sports wallet (100) from being lost during sporting activities.

Lastly referring to **FIGURE 5**, **FIGURE 6**, and **FIGURE 7** which are a front, rear, and top folded view of a second sports wallet (200), respectively. The second sports wallet (200) comprises a first inner side (12AA) connected along a right edge to a left edge of a second inner side (12BA).

The second body safe/sports wallet (200) further comprises a first outer side (12AB) connected along a left edge to a right edge of a second outer side (12BB). The first inner side (12AA) is further connected along left and bottom edges to right and bottom edges of the first outer side (12AB) forming a pocket (12D) therebetween. The second inner side (12BA) is further connected along

right and bottom edges to a left and bottom edges of the second outer side (12BB) forming a pocket (12D) therebetween. The inner sides (12AA, 12BA) and the outer sides (12AB, 12BB) are preferably manufactured from a pliable material. The pliable material is selected from a group consisting of leather, leather  
5 composite, rubber, rubber composite, metal composite, fabric, plastic, and plastic composite. At least one of the inner sides (12AA, 12BA) preferably comprises at least one slot (16). At least one of the inner sides (12AA, 12BA) preferably comprises at least one window (18). The first inner side (12AA) and second inner side (12BA) are preferably manufactured from a single piece of material. The first  
10 outer side (12AB) and second outer side (12BB) are preferably manufactured from a single piece of material.

The second body safe/sports wallet (200) further comprises hook (14) securely affixed to an outer surface of the second outer side (12BB).

It will be understood that each of the elements described above, or two or more together, may also find a useful application in other types of constructions differing from the type described above.

5           While the invention has been illustrated and described as embodied in a sports wallet, it is not intended to be limited to the details shown, since it will be understood that various omissions, modifications, substitutions and changes in the forms and details of the device illustrated and in its operation can be made by those skilled in the art without departing in any way from the spirit of the present  
10 invention.

Without further analysis, the foregoing will so fully reveal the gist of the present invention that others can, by applying current knowledge, readily adapt it for various applications without omitting features that, from the standpoint of  
15 prior art, fairly constitute essential characteristics of the generic or specific aspects of this invention.



What is claimed as new and desired to be protected by Letters Patent is set forth in the appended claims.